

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed the Restriction Requirement mailed July 23, 2004. Claims 1 through 40 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required election between Group I, Claims 1-9, Group II, Claim 10-17, Group III, Claims 18-25, Group IV, Claims 26-33, and Group V, Claims 34-40. Applicant elects Group 1 without traverse.

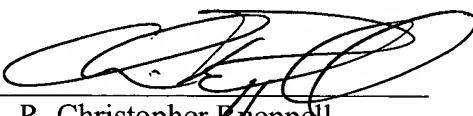
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement. The combination and sub-combination are sufficiently closely related that examination of all of the claims would pose no serious burden on the Examiner. Applicant should not be forced to divide the invention across multiple applications and it is respectfully requested that the election of combination and sub-combination requirement be withdrawn and that all claims herein be examined together in their entireties.

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly requested. In the event that issues arise in the application which may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to telephone the prosecuting attorney, identified below, at (402) 496-0300 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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